



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 1st November 2020 All Saints' Day



8am Said Holy Communion for All Souls, Service in Church
10am Service of the Word for All Saints' Day, Service in Church
& broadcast by [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Remember to join Derek's Zoom today: Meeting ID **927 480 8728**, Password **889123**).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter **Derek's Meeting ID: 927 480 8728** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter **Derek's Meeting Password: 889123** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

It's been great to see families returning to our services, and in these times when it's not feasible for the Junior Church to meet we've created a few children's resources for families to share together –

- There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading from Matthew. You might like to print the sheet and bring it to the service with some colouring pencils/crayons.

- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story for All Saints' Day, also from Matthew 5. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language, with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).

- Finally, we have a few wipe-clean books in the children's seating on the green carpet in church if you'd like to use them.

Psalm for All Saints' Day, Psalm 34. 1-10

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed. **[R]**

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Lions may lack and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **[R]**

Gospel for All Saints' Day, Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

An anthem for today

You might like to listen to Ernest Bullock's '[Give us the wings of faith](#)', sung by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge; directed by Sir David Willcocks:

*Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above,
how great their joys, how bright their glories be.*

*We ask them whence their victory came, they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.*

*They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God, they reached their promised rest.*



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NHS Test and Trace App – Anyone who downloads the NHS Covid-19 app onto their phone can scan the code when they arrive at Church, and the app on their phone then remembers that they have visited the Church (data deleted after 21 days). You might prefer this option, or to complete the paper form (or do neither).

Participation at services in church and via Zoom – It is good to be employing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while many of us are gathering in the building and others are worshipping at home. It's good too to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. This can be in person in church, or, for 10am services, via Zoom, if you cannot yet be with us in the building. **We would also value more stewards: for the Personal Prayer sessions, for 10am on Wednesdays and for 10am on Sundays.**

Activities in Church. If you need to carry out any activities in Church, please co-ordinate this with the Parish Office and make arrangements with a keyholder (such as a Warden) to access the Church at a suitable time. Please arrange any such activities to take place outside the times when the Church is open for private prayer.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action.

A notice from HT Night Shelter – "We're pleased to be able to inform Churches Together that we will open this coming season. We are following all the guidelines and principles issued by the government, one of which will be the erection of individual pods. We are currently sourcing these. Public Health are supporting us along with the local authority rough-sleeper team. Unfortunately, we do not have an opening date but we are working hard so we can continue to help and support the most vulnerable. Thank you to all who support this work. The foundation of our Christian faith, loving our neighbour as ourselves, is so important in these challenging times."

A very different Company at Christmas 2020 – This year we are unable to host an event but there are ways you can help! Could you be a Christmas Day driver with goody bags / ready meals? Could you be a pre-Christmas shopper? Could you be a goody bag packer? Details are available on our [website](#) and if interested, please email companyatchristmas@gmail.com or contact Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638). Volunteers will largely need to be car drivers and *preferably* able to Zoom! As well as considering whether you can volunteer, can you recommend to Jenny any potential new guests who should be contacted; those that would otherwise be alone at home on Christmas Day, perhaps that might even be you, if so, do contact Jenny? In addition, Jenny is compiling a small booklet of Christmas poems, readings, meditations and carols. If you have something dear to you that you would like to share with our guests, please send it to her at jennyklincke@gmail.com.



The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, Fra Angelico, 1423-1424, The National Gallery, London

**The church is open for Personal Prayer
11am-1pm Monday to Friday, 10-11am Saturday, 10:45-11:30am Sunday**

Services this Sunday 1st November – At 8am we will have Holy Communion for All Souls and at 10am a Service of the Word for All Saints.

Bridge Youth Church meets on Zoom this Sunday 1st November, 5:30-6:30pm – Due to social distancing policies their worship continues to take place on the Zoom app. If you'd like to join in this brilliant youth worship via Zoom, please contact Al Evans at bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com

Holy Communion on Wednesday 4th November – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church, and the service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900. You can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page.

Prayers for our Community, 9:30am, Saturday 7th November – We meet in Church each Saturday for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Services on Sunday 8th November – At 8am we will celebrate Holy Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent. At **10:15am** we will hold a Service of the Word with commemoration of the departed during the service and remembrance ceremonies in the churchyard at the end of the worship. There won't be a Book of Remembrance this year, only the names of those whose funerals or burials have been within the past year will be read out, but we will hold in our hearts all those whom we love and see no longer.

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